

Macrat

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STAGE SCRIPT

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Logline:

In this rodent-filled reimagining of *Macbeth*, the ambitious Macrat, spurred on by his cunning wife and a trio of lizard witches, claws his way to the throne in a whirlwind of cheese-fuelled treachery, mousetrap mishaps, and absurd prophecies in a kingdom where paranoia reigns supreme.

Character List:

- Witch 1
- Witch 2
- Witch 3
- Macrat
- Lady Macrat
- Duncan
- Banquo

Synopsis

Macrat is a reimagining of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, set in the quirky world of rodents and reptiles. The ambitious Macrat, a battle-hardened rat, receives a prophecy from three eccentric witches (dressed as lizards) that he will rise to become king. Spurred on by his cunning and relentless wife, Lady Macrat, the pair navigate a series of farcical events filled with cheese-fuelled intrigue, treachery, and misunderstandings.

As Macrat's rise to power unfolds, prophecies and paranoia intertwine with absurd twists. From battles in the Cheese Lands to the mysterious workings of mousetraps, meddling witches to Banquo's scepticism and Duncan's digestive woes, all adding to the chaotic charm of this parody.

Have fun with it!



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The three Witches are dressed as lizards, Macbeth ('MACRAT') is dressed a rat. The Witches appear on the stage.

WITCH 1

When shall we three meet again in
thunder lighting or in rain?

WITCH 2

Why don't we meet on a sunny beach
in Sitges.

WITCH 3

Quiet! When the hurly-burly's done,
when the battle is lost and won.

WITCH 1

Where the place?

WITCH 2

Oh, how about that lovely bar on the
seafront? You know the one that does
vegan tapas?

WITCH 3

Will you be quiet! Sorry, where were
we, oh, yes. We shall meet upon the
heath.

WITCH 1

You've really messed this up.

WITCH 2

What did I do?

WITCH 3

All this talk of a beach, bars and
veganism.

WITCH 2

Well I'm tired of always being in damp
and foggy places. I want to be in the
sun and yes so what I'm a vegan.

WITCH 1

How? We kill animals for our potions.

WITCH 2

Well I wanted to speak to you about that. I've written this new book called Vegan Spells, for the animal lover witch inside you.

WITCH 3

I can't, I really can't. I'll turn her into a frog.

WITCH 1

Can we just concentrate on this now and we'll think about the vegan potions.

WITCH 2

I'm ok with that, thank you.

WITCH 1

Now where were we.

WITCH 3

We're meeting Macrat here upon the heath.

WITCH 1

Oh yes, I come graymal...

WITCH 3

Nope it's ruined, let's just go.

The Witches leave the stage.

Enter LADY MACRAT and DUNCAN.

DUNCAN

Tell me, how doth the battle of the cheese lands proceed Lady Macrat?

LADY MACRAT

Do not fear my king. My husband Macrat and Banquo slayed the vicious army of foul-mouthed mice.

DUNCAN

I am forever in your husband's debt. I have been betrayed by the thane of Cowmilkdore, he turned out to be a mouse in disguise. Guards! Guards!